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Introduction

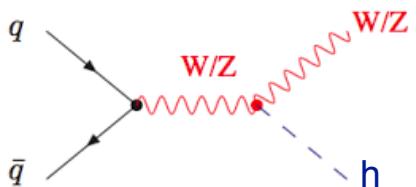
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Discrepancies in several measurements for the associated production of the SM Higgs (h) with a W boson: Wh



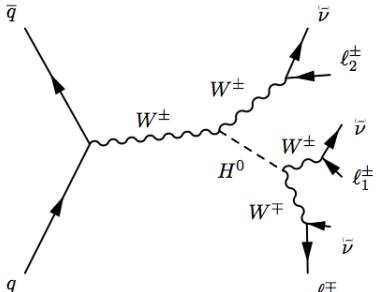
(*) See also talks from B.Mellado and S. von Buddenbrock

Relation with Madala model (*)?

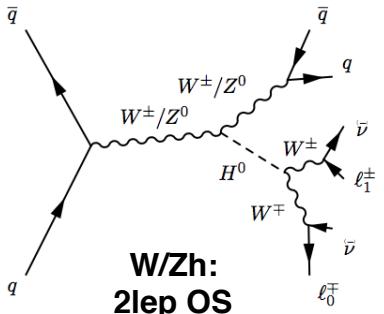
- ATLAS, CMS, Run 1 and 2 results
- Consider results where $pT(h) > m(h)$ is not required for combination
- Investigate each analysis selection
- Compare Vh kinematics with model:
 $H \rightarrow S[150]h[125]$ $m(H)=250,260,270\text{GeV}$

Cover $h \rightarrow WW$, tautau, yy decay channels

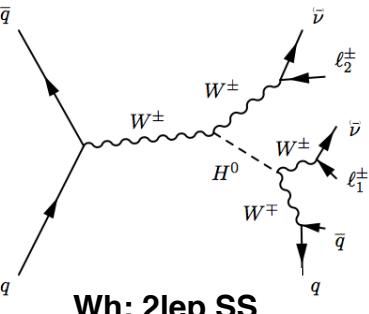
$h \rightarrow WW^*$



Wh: 3leptons



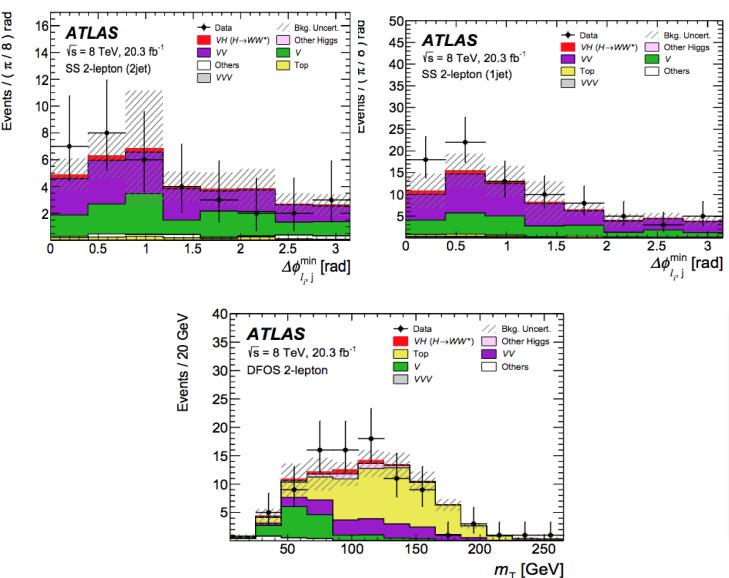
**W/Zh:
2lep OS**



Wh: 2lep SS

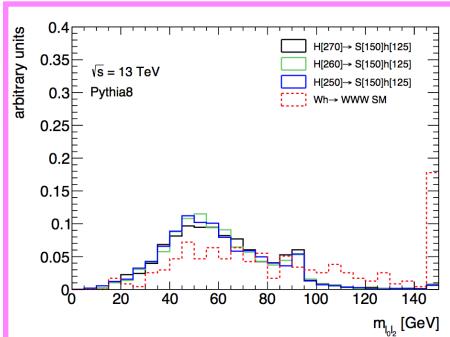
$h \rightarrow WW$: Run 1 ATLAS

Statistically limited analysis but...
Several channels present excesses located at \sim region as the Higgs



Category	Signal significance Z_0			Observed signal strength μ					
	Exp. Z_0	Obs. Z_0	Obs. Z_0	μ	Tot. err. +	Tot. err. -	Syst. err. +	Syst. err. -	μ
4 ℓ	0.41	1.9		4.9	4.6	3.1	1.1	0.40	
2SFOS	0.19	0		-5.9	6.8	4.1	0.33	0.72	
1SFOS	0.36	2.5		9.6	8.1	5.4	2.1	0.64	
3 ℓ	0.79	0.66		0.72	1.3	1.1	0.40	0.29	
1SFOS and 3SF	0.41	0		-2.9	2.7	2.1	1.2	0.92	
0SFOS	0.68	1.2		1.7	1.9	1.4	0.51	0.29	
2 ℓ	0.59	2.1		3.7	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.1	
DFOS	0.54	1.2		2.2	2.0	1.9	1.0	1.1	
SS2jet	0.17	1.4		7.6	6.0	5.4	3.2	3.2	
SS1jet	0.27	2.3		8.4	4.3	3.8	2.3	2.0	

All channels show signal strength > 1
Exception: 3L 1SFOS/3SF uses ml of SS leptons as input BDT variable →
Difference in shape btw Vh and H → Sh BDT discriminates BSM signal



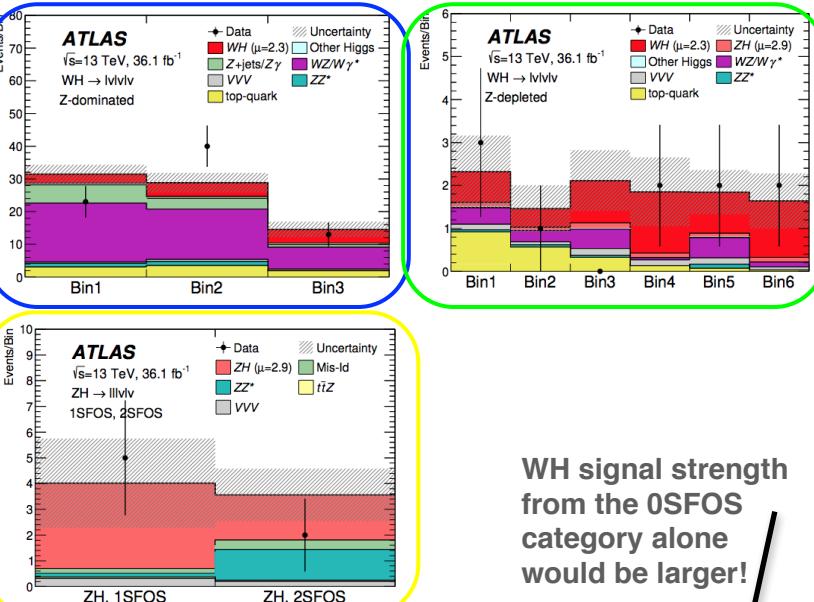
h \rightarrow WW: Run 2 ATLAS

Only 3leptons (BDT) and 4leptons (cut-based)
channels are analyzed for the 2015+2016 results

Process	WH		ZH	
	Z-dominated	Z-depleted	1-SFOS	2-SFOS
WH	11 \pm 6	5.8 \pm 2.8	—	—
ZH	1.1 \pm 0.6	0.61 \pm 0.34	3.3 \pm 1.7	1.8 \pm 0.9
WZ/W γ^*	40.1 \pm 2.8	1.7 \pm 0.5	—	—
ZZ*	2.4 \pm 1.1	0.27 \pm 0.09	0.14 \pm 0.14	1.2 \pm 0.3
VVV	1.5 \pm 0.1	0.71 \pm 0.11	0.32 \pm 0.05	0.20 \pm 0.03
tV/t \bar{t} V	0.14 \pm 0.03	0.13 \pm 0.03	0.04 \pm 0.02	0.03 \pm 0.01
Other top-quark	8.4 \pm 2.6	1.9 \pm 0.8	—	—
Other Higgs	0.31 \pm 0.03	0.06 \pm 0.01	<0.01	0.04 \pm 0.01
Misid. leptons	9.7 \pm 3.4	<0.1	0.19 \pm 0.08	0.36 \pm 0.12
Total background	62 \pm 5	4.7 \pm 1.0	0.65 \pm 0.17	1.8 \pm 0.3
Observed	76	10	5	2

$$\mu_{WH} = 2.3^{+1.1}_{-0.9}(\text{stat.})^{+0.41}_{-0.33}(\text{theo syst.})^{+0.49}_{-0.36}(\text{exp syst.}) = 2.3^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$$

Post-fit results: signal yields
weighted by the observed mu!



WH signal strength
from the 0SFOS
category alone
would be larger!

1SFOS/3SF category still uses mll in the BDT
However the signal strength result uses both WH
channels so this will be included in the combination

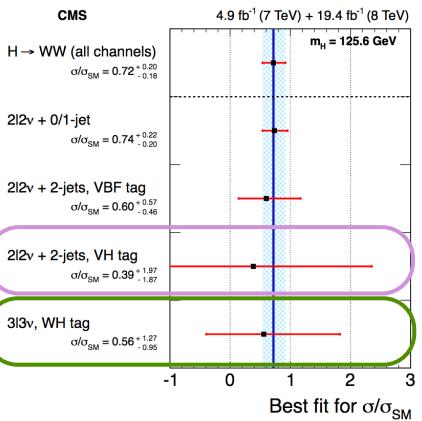
h \rightarrow WW: Run 1 and Run 2 CMS

W/Zh: 2leptons (OS) + 2jets

mjj [65, 105] GeV, $|\Delta\eta(jj)| < 1.5$, mT[60, 125] GeV,
 mll < 200 GeV and $|\Delta R(ll)| < 2.5$ \rightarrow Fit mll in 9 bins

Wh: 3leptons + 3v

Split in OSSF and SSSF events
 min-MET > 40(30) GeV OS(SS), $|m_{ll} - m_{Zl}| > 25$ GeV,
 mll < 100 GeV, $|\Delta R(ll)| < 2$ \rightarrow Fit DeltaR(ll)



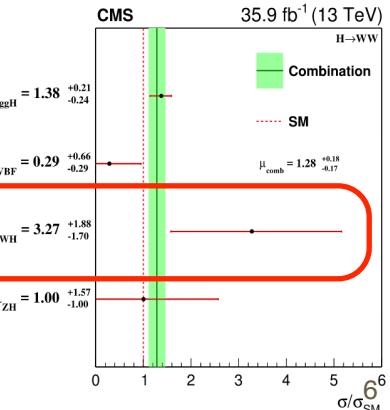
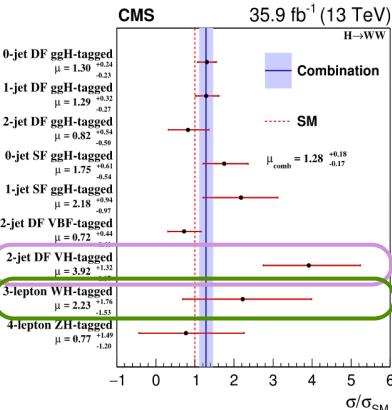
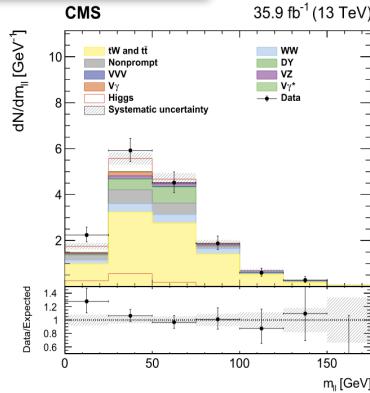
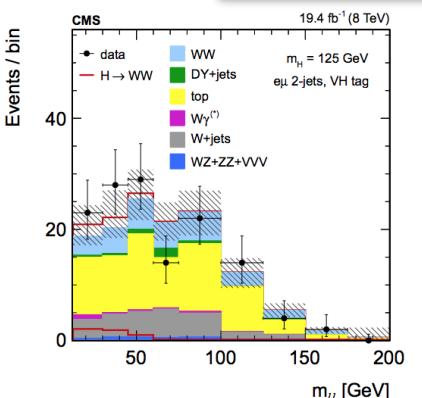
Similar selection in both analyses

Run 1: $\mu(Wh) < 1$ negative fluctuation -left-

Run 2: $\mu(Wh) > 1$ in both channels -right-

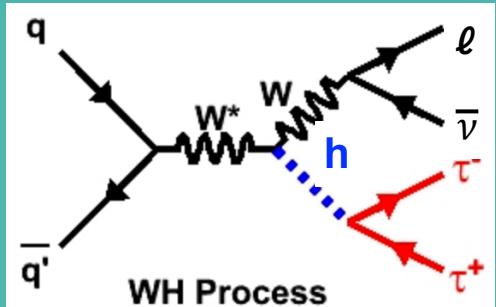
Both results will be included in the combination

Excess of data at low mll for both Run 1 and Run 2



$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Strategy: Split in tau decay modes



$$h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} + \tau_{\text{had}}$$

$$h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} + \ell$$

W always decaying leptonically: $W \rightarrow \ell\nu$

Two subcategories with 1 or 2 ℓ (e,mu):

$$1) \ell + \tau_{\text{had}} + \tau_{\text{had}}$$

$$2) \ell + \ell + \tau_{\text{had}}$$

$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$: Run 1 ATLAS and CMS

Different analysis selection:

- **ATLAS: Cut&Based**
- **CMS: BDT + LT split**

ATLAS:
Bigger excesses ($\mu > 1$) in
channels with $h \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}} + \tau_{\text{had}}$

Results from ATLAS included in the combination
CMS results are discarded

ATLAS > 80 GeV 😊

CMS Split @ 130 GeV 😕

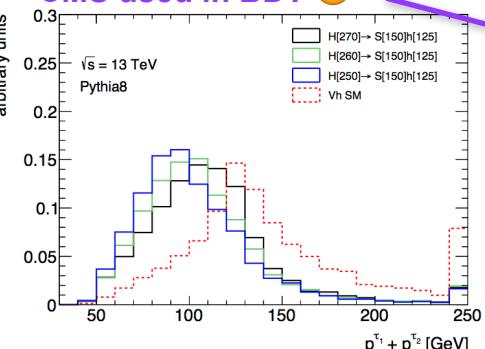
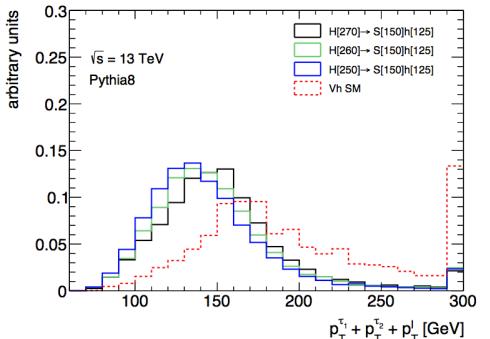
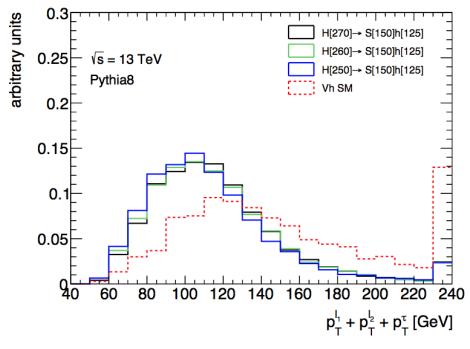
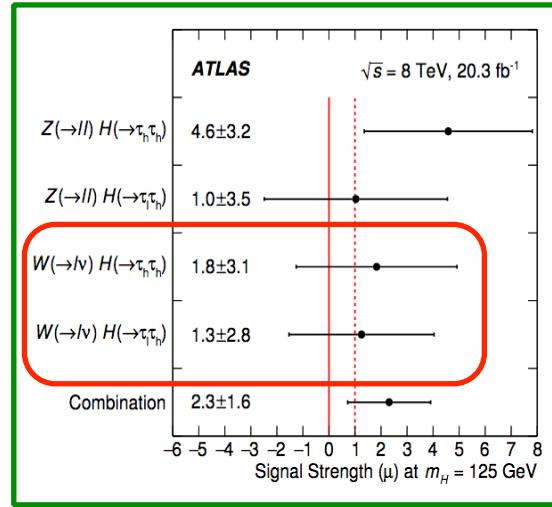
ATLAS > 100 GeV 😊

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CMS used in BDT 😕

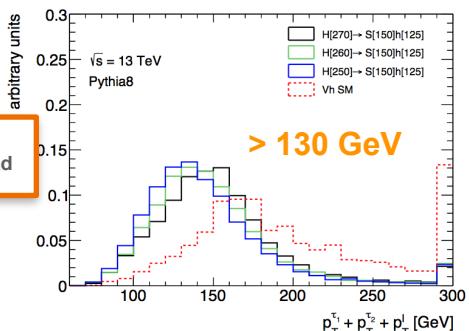
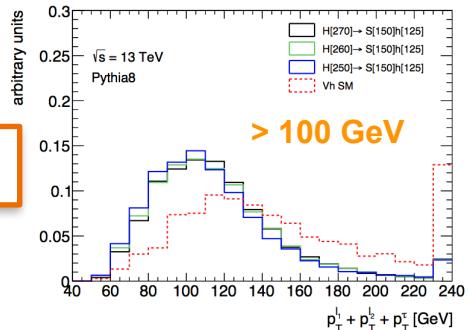
CMS results discarded

- BDT discriminates $H \rightarrow Sh$ signal
- Split: stat. fit on the SM Vh will concentrate in high region

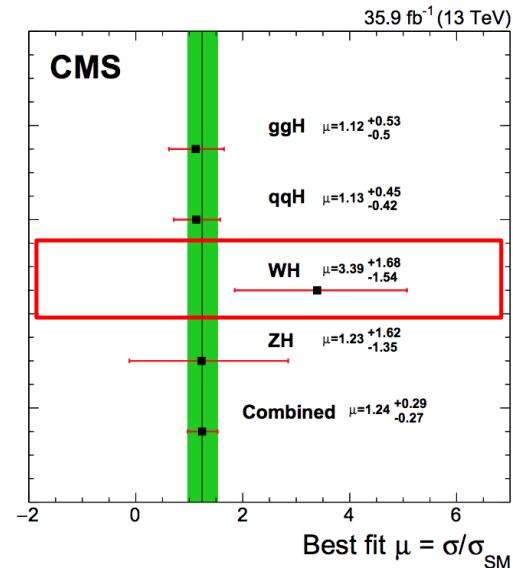
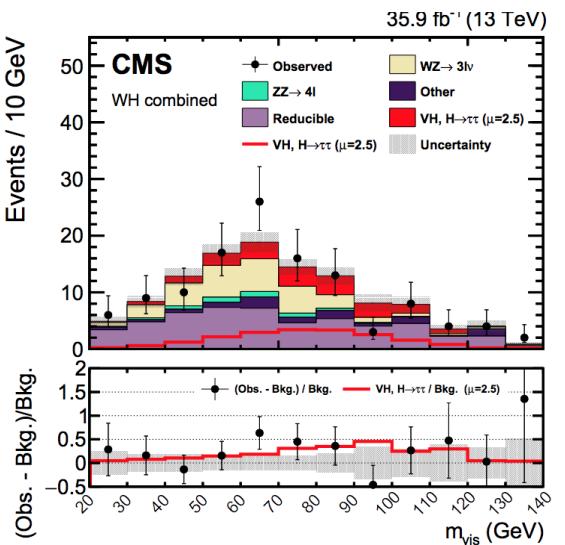


$h \rightarrow \tau\tau$: Run 2 CMS

New approach for Run 2 CMS closer to ATLAS: cut&based analysis!

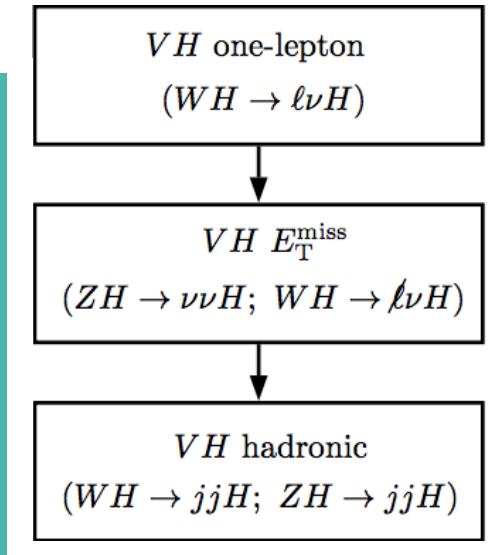


Unfortunately no ATLAS Run 2 results delivered yet



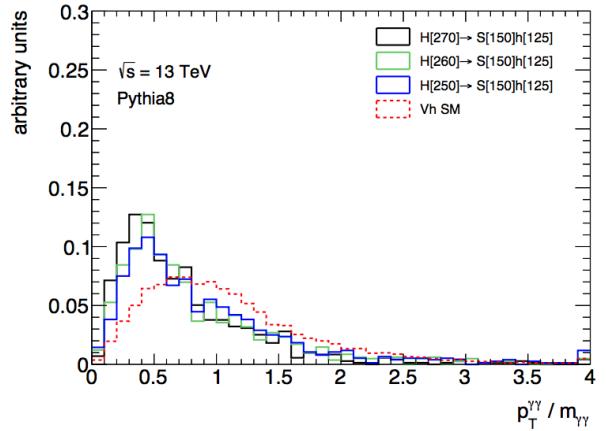
Fit on visible mass of the taus: $\mu(\text{Wh}) = 3.39(+1.68)(-1.54)$

h → γγ

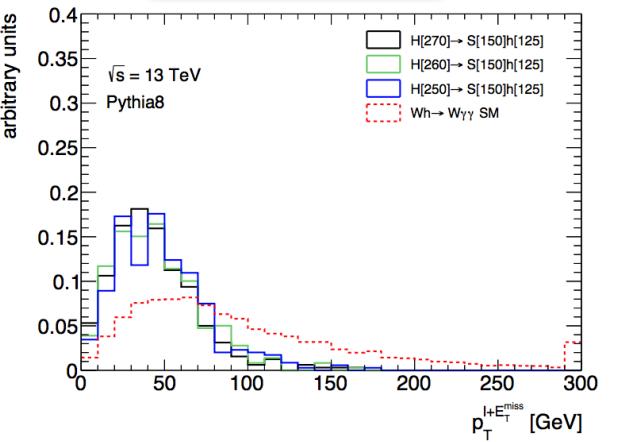


$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: ATLAS and CMS

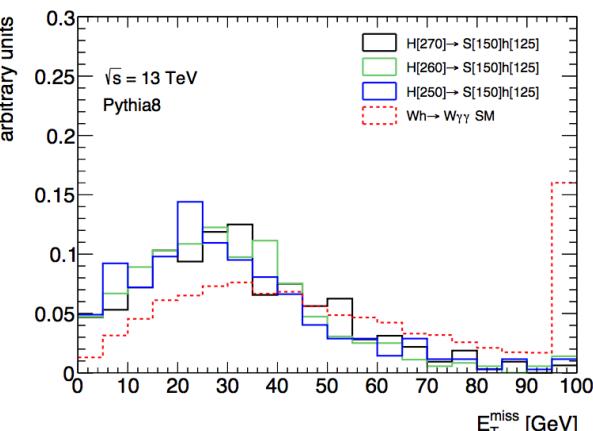
Vh Hadronic



Wh one-lepton



Vh ETmiss

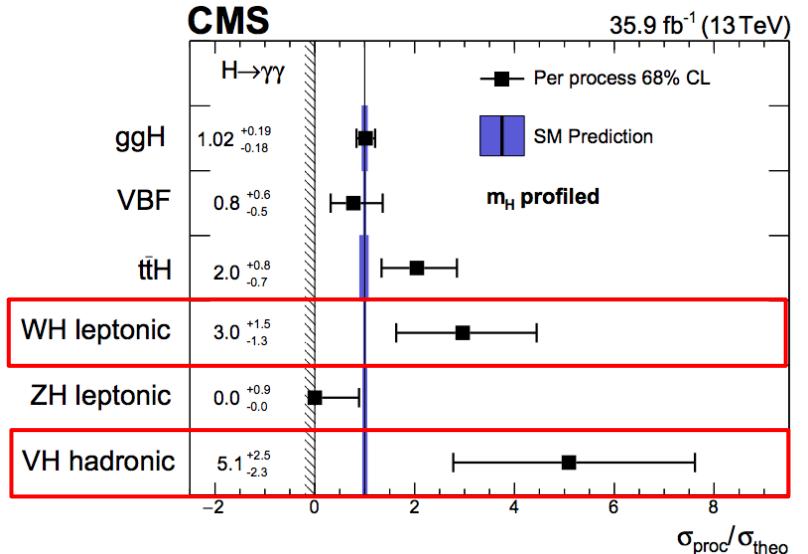


CMS Run 1: $p_T(\gamma\gamma) > 13m(\gamma\gamma)/12$
 Suppressing most of the $H \rightarrow Sh$
 Requirement dropped in Run 2

ATLAS Run 2: Split @ 150 GeV
 High region (low bkg) will contribute
 more in the fit: neglecting $H \rightarrow Sh$
Results not included in the combination

All use very high requirements:
 $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 70 - 150 \text{ GeV}$
Category not included in combination

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: Run 2 CMS

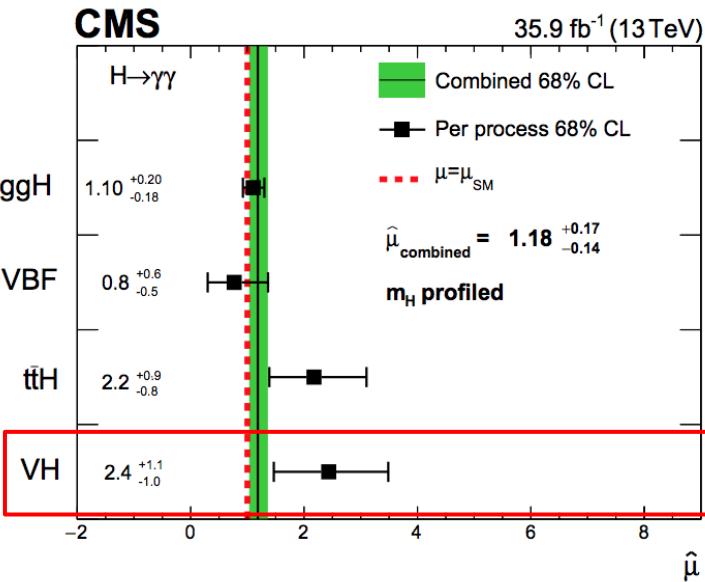


Excesses observed in both:
Wh leptonic and VH Hadronic

Results will be included in the combination

CMS Run 2 Strategy

Vh Hadronic: No requirement on $p_T(\gamma\gamma) / m(\gamma\gamma)$
Vh Leptonic: No use of $pT(\ell + \text{ETmiss})$



Combination

Results and Summary

**Combined signal strength:
 $\mu_{Vh} = 2.5 \pm 0.43$**

Deviation from SM: 3.5σ

Larger Wh production than expected by SM

- Excesses observed in very different final states depending on the SM Higgs decay
- Compatible with multi-lepton discrepancies observed at the LHC
- Supports the possible existence of new physics at the LHC: consistent with Madala model

Only partial Run 2 dataset (36.1fb-1) analysed so far...

Much more ATLAS and CMS results to come 😊
Keep posted!

Higgs decay	Ref.	Experiment	\sqrt{s}, \mathcal{L} TeV, fb $^{-1}$	Final state	Category	μ	Used in combination	Comments	INSTITUTE FOR COLLIDER PARTICLE PHYSICS UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND	
[17] ATLAS	[17]	ATLAS	7, 4.5 8, 20.3	2ℓ	DFOS 2j	$2.2^{+2.0}_{-1.9}$	✓	2ℓ combination		
					SS 1j	$8.4^{+4.3}_{-3.8}$	✓			
				SS 2j		$7.6^{+6.0}_{-5.4}$	✓			
				3ℓ	1SFOS	$-2.9^{+2.7}_{-2.1}$	x	$m_{\ell_0\ell_2}$ used as input BDT discriminating variable		
					0SFOS	$1.7^{+1.9}_{-1.4}$	✓			
WW	[18]	ATLAS	13, 36.1	3ℓ	1SFOS	$2.3^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$	✓	1SFOS channel uses $m_{\ell_0\ell_2}$ in the BDT but excess driven by 0SFOS		
	0SFOS									
	[19]	CMS	7, 4.9 8, 19.4	2ℓ	DFOS 2j	$0.39^{+1.97}_{-1.87}$	✓	Discrepancy at low $m_{\ell\ell}$		
	3ℓ	0+1SFOS	$0.56^{+1.27}_{-0.95}$	✓						
	[20]	CMS	13, 35.9	2ℓ	DFOS 2j	$3.92^{+1.32}_{-1.17}$	✓	Discrepancy at low $m_{\ell\ell}$		
	3ℓ	0+1SFOS	$2.23^{+1.76}_{-1.53}$	✓						
$\tau\tau$	[21]	ATLAS	8, 20.3	1ℓ	$\ell + \tau_h \tau_h$	1.8 ± 3.1	✓	BDT based on $p_T^{\tau_1} + p_T^{\tau_2}$		
	2ℓ	$e^\pm \mu^\pm + \tau_h$	1.3 ± 2.8	✓						
	[22]	CMS	7, 4.9 8, 19.7	1ℓ	$\ell + \tau_h \tau_h$	-0.33 ± 1.02	x	Split $p_T^{\ell_1} + p_T^{\ell_2} + p_T^\tau$ at 130 GeV		
	2ℓ	$e^\pm \mu^\pm + \tau_h$		x						
	[23]	CMS	13, 35.9	1ℓ	$\ell + \tau_h \tau_h$	$3.39^{+1.68}_{-1.54}$	✓			
	2ℓ	$e^\pm \mu^\pm + \tau_h$								
$\gamma\gamma$	[24]	ATLAS	7, 5.4 8, 20.3	$\ell\nu$	one-lepton		$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 70 - 100 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 70 \text{ GeV}$			
	$\ell\nu, \nu\nu$	E_T^{miss}	1.0 ± 1.6							
	jj	Hadronic		$E_T^{\text{miss}} > 70 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 13m_{\gamma\gamma}/12$						
	[25]	CMS	7, 5.1 8, 19.7	$\ell\nu$	one-lepton	$-0.16^{+1.16}_{-0.79}$	x			
	$\ell\nu, \nu\nu$	E_T^{miss}		$p_T^{\ell+E_T^{\text{miss}}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$ $p_T^{\ell+E_T^{\text{miss}}} < 150 \text{ GeV}$						
	jj	Hadronic								
[26]	[26]	ATLAS	13, 36.1	$\ell\nu$	one-lepton		$150 < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 250 \text{ GeV}$ $80 < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150 \text{ GeV}$			
				$\ell\nu, \nu\nu$	E_T^{miss}	$0.7^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$	x			
				jj	Hadronic		BDT used based on m_{jj} and $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$			
				$\ell\nu$	one-lepton					
				$\ell\nu, \nu\nu$	E_T^{miss}		Split E_T^{miss} at 45 GeV ($\mu = 3.0^{+1.5}_{-1.3}$) $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 85 \text{ GeV}$			
				jj	Hadronic		x			
[27]	[27]	CMS	13, 35.6	$\ell\nu$	one-lepton	$2.4^{+1.1}_{-1.0}$	✓	$p_T^{\gamma\gamma}/m_{\gamma\gamma}$ not used ($\mu = 5.1^{+2.5}_{-2.3}$)		
				$\ell\nu, \nu\nu$	E_T^{miss}		x			
				jj	Hadronic		✓			

Thank you!

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Summary

ATLAS

Run 1

- o H \rightarrow WW <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1506.06641.pdf>
mu_VH = $3.0 +1.3(+1.0) -1.1(-0.7)$ stat(syst);
mu_WH = $2.1 +1.5(+1.2) -1.3(-0.8)$
mu_ZH = $5.1 +3.8(+1.9) -3.0(-0.9)$
- o H \rightarrow tautau <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1511.08352.pdf>
mu_VH = $2.3 +/- 1.6$
- o H \rightarrow yy <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1408.7084.pdf>
mu_WH = $1.0 +/- 1.6$, mu_ZH = $0.1 +3.7 -0.1$

Run 2

- o H \rightarrow WW <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1903.10052.pdf>
mu_VH = $2.5 +0.9 -0.8$;
mu_WH = $2.3 +1.2 -1.0$, mu_ZH = $2.9 +1.9 -1.3$
- o H \rightarrow tautau <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.08856.pdf>
Inclusive mu = $1.09 +0.18(+0.26) -0.17(-0.22)$ stat(sys)
- o H \rightarrow yy <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.04146.pdf>
mu_VH = $0.7 +0.9 -0.8$

CMS

Run 1

- o H \rightarrow WW <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1312.1129.pdf>
mu_VH_2l = $0.39 +1.97 -1.87$,
mu_WH = $0.56 +1.27 -0.95$, mu_ZH = $6.41 +7.43 -6.38$
- o H \rightarrow tautau <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1401.5041.pdf>
mu_VH_tag = $-0.33 +/- 1.02$
- o H \rightarrow yy <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1407.0558.pdf>
mu_VH = $-0.16 +/- 0.97$

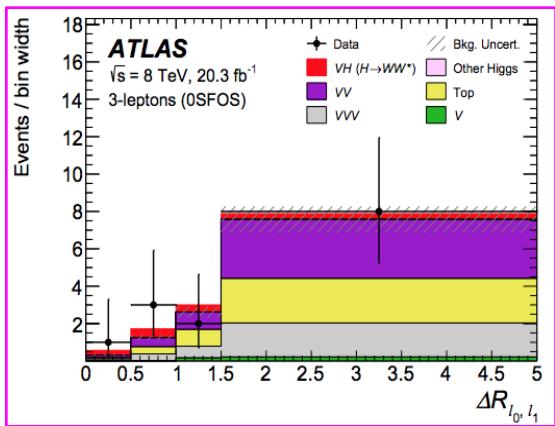
Run 2

- o H \rightarrow WW <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269319301169>
mu_WH = $3.27 +1.88 -1.70$, mu_ZH = $1.00 +1.57 -1.00$
- o H \rightarrow tautau <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1809.03590.pdf>
mu_VH = $2.5 +1.4 -1.0$
mu_WH = $3.39 +1.62 -1.35$, mu_ZH = $1.23 +1.62 -1.35$
- o H \rightarrow yy <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1804.02716.pdf>
mu_VH = $2.4 +1.1 -1.0$

H \rightarrow WW: Run 1 ATLAS

Channel	4 ℓ		3 ℓ			2 ℓ		
Category	2SFOS	1SFOS	3SF	1SFOS	0SFOS	DFOS	SS2jet	SS1jet
Trigger	single-lepton triggers		single-lepton triggers			single-lepton & dilepton triggers		
Num. of leptons	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2
$p_{\text{T},\text{leptons}}$ [GeV]	> 25, 20, 15	> 25, 20, 15	> 15	> 15	> 15	> 22, 15	> 22, 15	> 22, 15
Total lepton charge	0	0	± 1	± 1	± 1	0	± 2	± 2
Num. of SFOS pairs	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Num. of jets	≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1	≥ 2	2	1
$p_{\text{T},\text{jets}}$ [GeV]	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)	> 25 (30)
Num. of b -tagged jets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$E_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	> 20	> 20	> 30	> 30	—	> 20	> 50	> 45
$p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}$ [GeV]	> 15	> 15	> 20	> 20	—	—	—	—
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $ [GeV]	< 10 ($m_{\ell_2\ell_3}$)	< 10 ($m_{\ell_2\ell_3}$)	> 25	> 25	—	—	> 15	> 15
Min. $m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	> 10 ($m_{\ell_0\ell_1}$)	> 10 ($m_{\ell_0\ell_1}$)	> 12	> 12	> 6	> 10	> 12 ($ee, \mu\mu$)	> 12 ($ee, \mu\mu$)
							> 10 ($e\mu$)	> 10 ($e\mu$)
Max. $m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	< 65 ($m_{\ell_0\ell_1}$)	< 65 ($m_{\ell_0\ell_1}$)	< 200	< 200	< 200	< 50	—	—
$m_{4\ell}$ [GeV]	> 140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$p_{\text{T},4\ell}$ [GeV]	> 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$m_{\tau\tau}$ [GeV]	—	—	—	—	—	< ($m_Z - 25$)	—	—
$\Delta R_{\ell_0\ell_1}$	—	—	< 2.0	< 2.0	—	—	—	—
$\Delta\phi_{\ell_0\ell_1}$ [rad]	< 2.5 ($\Delta\phi_{\ell_0\ell_1}^{\text{boost}}$)	< 2.5 ($\Delta\phi_{\ell_0\ell_1}^{\text{boost}}$)	—	—	—	< 1.8	—	—
m_T [GeV]	—	—	—	—	—	< 125	—	> 105 (m_T^{lead})
Min. $m_{\ell_i j(j)}$ [GeV]	—	—	—	—	—	—	< 115	< 70
Min. ϕ_{ℓ_ij} [rad]	—	—	—	—	—	—	< 1.5	< 1.5
Δy_{jj}	—	—	—	—	—	< 1.2	—	—
$ m_{jj} - 85 $ [GeV]	—	—	—	—	—	< 15	—	—

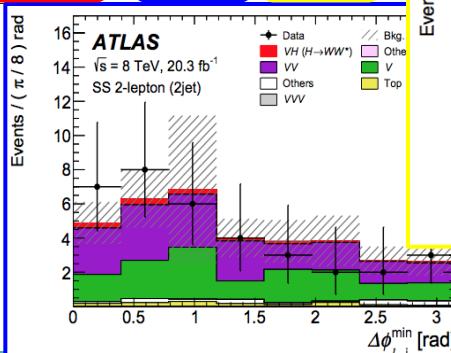
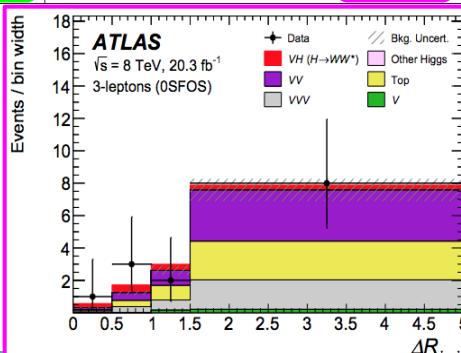
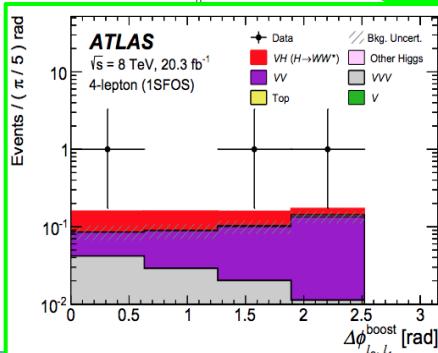
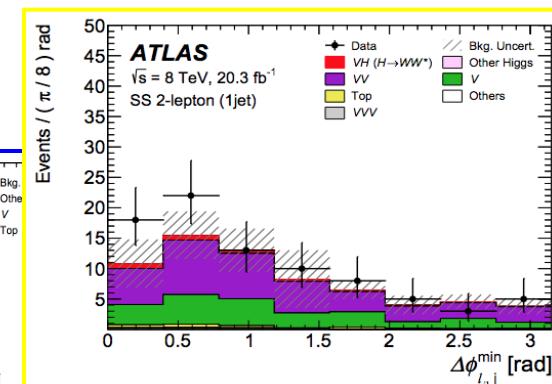
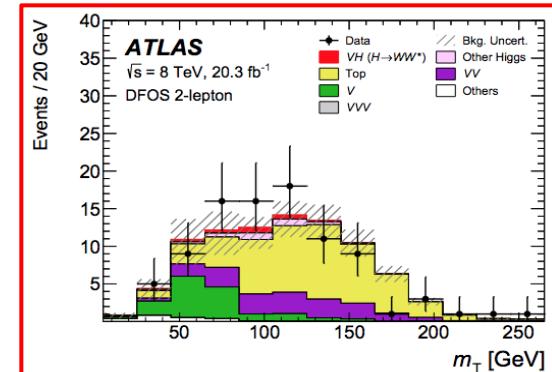
H \rightarrow WW: Run 1 ATLAS



Process	4ℓ			3ℓ			2ℓ		
Category	2SFOS	1SFOS	3SF	1SFOS	0SFOS	DFOS	SS2jet	SS1jet	
Higgs boson									
$VH (H \rightarrow WW^*)$	0.203 ± 0.030	0.228 ± 0.034	0.73 ± 0.10	1.61 ± 0.18	1.43 ± 0.16	2.15 ± 0.30	1.04 ± 0.18	2.04 ± 0.30	
$VH (H \rightarrow \tau\tau)$	0.0084 ± 0.0032	0.012 ± 0.004	0.057 ± 0.011	0.152 ± 0.023	0.248 ± 0.035	—	0.036 ± 0.008	0.27 ± 0.04	
ggF	—	—	0.076 ± 0.015	0.085 ± 0.018	—	2.4 ± 0.5	—	—	
VBF	—	—	—	—	—	0.180 ± 0.025	—	—	
ttH	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Background									
V	—	—	0.22 ± 0.16	1.9 ± 0.6	0.37 ± 0.15	14 ± 4	8 ± 4	15 ± 5	
VV	1.17 ± 0.20	0.31 ± 0.06	19 ± 3	28 ± 4	4.7 ± 0.6	10.1 ± 1.6	11.2 ± 2.1	26 ± 4	
VVV	0.12 ± 0.04	0.10 ± 0.04	0.8 ± 0.3	2.2 ± 0.7	2.93 ± 0.29	—	—	0.47 ± 0.05	
Top	0.014 ± 0.011	—	0.91 ± 0.26	2.4 ± 0.6	3.7 ± 0.9	24 ± 4	0.75 ± 0.19	1.3 ± 0.5	
Others	—	—	—	—	—	2.3 ± 0.9	0.71 ± 0.30	0.60 ± 0.24	
Total	1.30 ± 0.23	0.41 ± 0.09	22 ± 4	34 ± 6	11.7 ± 1.8	50 ± 5	21 ± 5	44 ± 6	
Observed events	0	3	22	38	14	63	25	62	

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Others	—	—	—	—	—	2.3 ± 0.9	0.71 ± 0.30	0.60 ± 0.24
Total	1.30 ± 0.23	0.41 ± 0.09	22 ± 4	34 ± 6	11.7 ± 1.8	50 ± 5	21 ± 5	44 ± 6
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H \rightarrow WW: Run 2 CMS

Category	Subcategory	Requirements
Preselection	-	$m_{\ell\ell} > 12 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{\text{T}1} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{\text{T}2} > 13$ (10) GeV for e (μ) $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{\text{T}}^{\ell\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ no additional leptons with $p_{\text{T}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ electron and muon with opposite charges
2-jet VH-tagged	e μ	at least two jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ two leading jets with $ \eta < 2.5$ $60 < m_{\text{T}} < 125 \text{ GeV}$ and $\Delta R_{\ell\ell} < 2$ no b-tagged jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $65 < m_{jj} < 105 \text{ GeV}$ and $ \Delta\eta_{jj} < 3.5$

Category	Subcategory	Requirements
Preselection	-	$p_{\text{T}1} > 25 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{\text{T}2} > 20 \text{ GeV}$, $p_{\text{T}3} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ no additional leptons with $p_{\text{T}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ $\min-m_{\ell+\ell^-} > 12 \text{ GeV}$, total lepton charge sum ± 1
3-lepton WH-tagged	OSSF	no jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ no b-tagged jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 50 \text{ GeV}$, $\min-m_{\ell+\ell^-} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ Z boson veto: $ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z > 25 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta\phi(\ell\ell\ell, \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) > 2.2$ no jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ no b-tagged jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta\phi(\ell\ell\ell, \vec{p}_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}}) > 2.5$
	SSSF	

Category	Subcategory	Requirements
Preselection	-	four tight and isolated leptons, with zero total charge $p_{\text{T}} > 25 \text{ GeV}$ for the leading lepton $p_{\text{T}} > 15 \text{ GeV}$ for the second leading lepton $p_{\text{T}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ for the remaining two leptons no additional leptons with $p_{\text{T}} > 10 \text{ GeV}$ Z dilepton mass $> 4 \text{ GeV}$ X dilepton mass $> 4 \text{ GeV}$ no b-tagged jets with $p_{\text{T}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$
4-lepton ZH-tagged	XSF	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 15 \text{ GeV}$ $10 < m_X < 50 \text{ GeV}$ $35 < p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ four-lepton invariant mass $> 140 \text{ GeV}$
	XDF	$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z < 15 \text{ GeV}$ $10 < m_X < 70 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{\text{T}}^{\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$

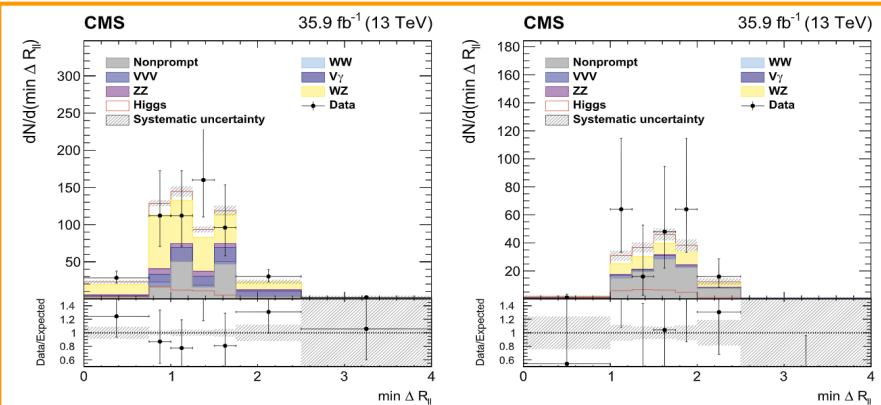


Fig. 6. Postfit $\Delta R_{\ell\ell}$ distribution for events in the three-lepton WH-tagged category, split into the OSSF (left) and SSSF (right) subcategories.

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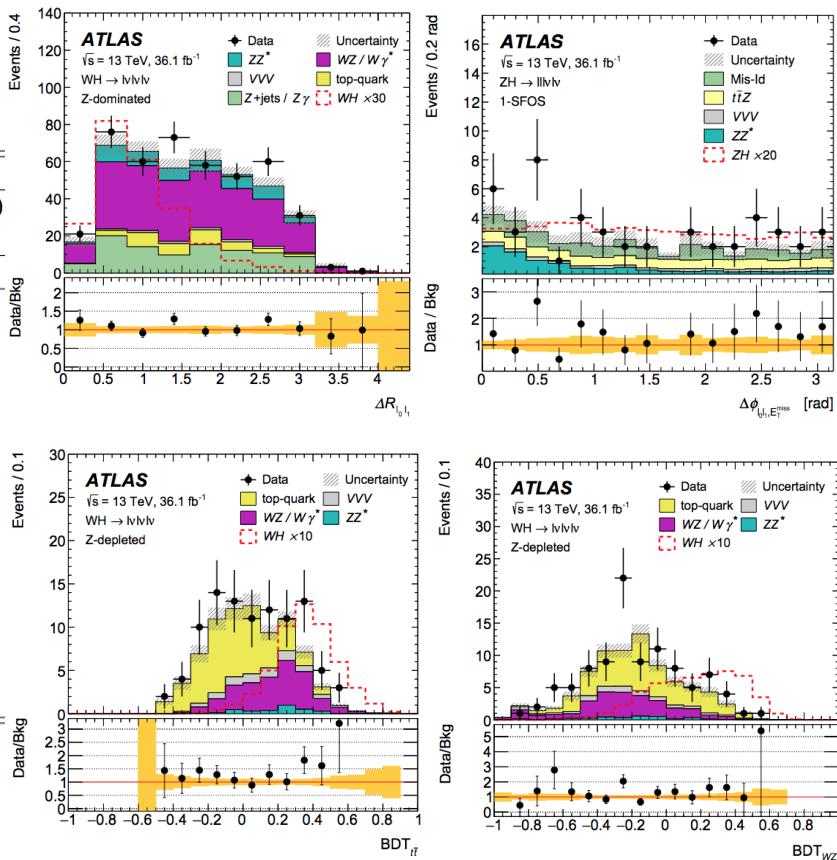
3 leptons: 1SFOS and 3SF \rightarrow BDT INPUT VARIABLES

BDT input discriminating variables which provide the best separation between signal and background are the p_T of each lepton, the magnitude of their vector sum, the invariant masses of the two opposite-sign lepton pairs ($m_{\ell_0 \ell_1}$, $m_{\ell_0 \ell_2}$), $\Delta R_{\ell_0 \ell_1}$, E_T^{miss} , and p_T^{miss} . In the fit, the shape of the distribution of the “BDT Score”, divided into six bins, is used to extract the number of observed events in the 3 ℓ -3SF and 3 ℓ -1SFOS SRs, while the shape of the distribution of $\Delta R_{\ell_0 \ell_1}$, divided into four bins, is used to extract the number of observed events in the 3 ℓ -0SFOS SR. In the other channels only the event yield in each signal and control region is used without shape information.

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Preselection	WH		ZH	
	3 isolated leptons ($p_T > 15$ GeV) total lepton charge ± 1	4 isolated leptons ($p_T > 10$ GeV) total lepton charge 0		
Category	Z-dominated	Z-depleted	2-SFOS	1-SFOS
Number of SFOS	2 or 1	0	2	1
Number of jets	≤ 1	—	≤ 1	≤ 2
Number of b -jets	0	0	0	0
E_T^{miss} [GeV]	> 30	—	> 45	—
$p_T^{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	—	—	> 45	—
$m_{\ell\ell}$ [GeV]	> 12 (min. SFOS)	—	> 10	> 10
$ m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z $ [GeV]	> 25 (SFOS)	—	< 10 ($m_{\ell_2\ell_3}$)	< 10 ($m_{\ell_2\ell_3}$)
$m_{\ell_0\ell_1}$ [GeV]	—	—	< 55	< 60
$\Delta\phi_{\ell_0\ell_1}^{\text{boost}}$	—	—	< 2.3	< 1.9
$m_{\tau\tau}$ [GeV]	—	—	—	< 50
$\Delta\phi_{\ell_0\ell_1, E_T^{\text{miss}}}$ [rad]	—	—	—	> 0.4
$m_{4\ell}$ [GeV]	—	—	> 140	—
BDT	$\text{BDT}_{\text{Zdom}} > 0.3$	$\text{BDT}_{t\bar{t}} > 0.2 \& \text{BDT}_{WZ} > 0.15$	—	—

Only 3 leptons (BDT) and 4 leptons (cut-based) channels were analyzed for the 2015+2016 results



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3 leptons: BDT input variables

Lepton nomenclature

(I0I1 assumed from H decay -see slide 4-)

I0: lepton with different charge

I1: lepton closest to lepton I0

I2: remaining lepton

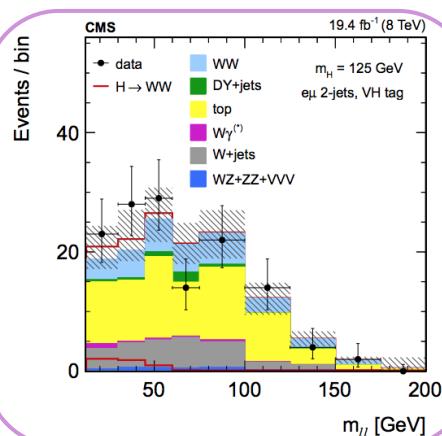
Table 7: Input variables of the three BDT discriminants used in the 3ℓ channel.

Input variable	Z-dominated BDT _{WZ}	Z-depleted BDT _{t<bar>t</bar>}
$ \Sigma \mathbf{p}_T^{\ell_i} $	x	
$m_{\ell_0 \ell_1}$	x	x
$m_{\ell \ell \ell}$	x	
$\Delta R_{\ell_0 \ell_1}$	x	x
E_T^{miss}	x	x
$\Delta \eta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}$	x	x
m_T^W	x	
$p_T^{\ell_0}$		x
$p_T^{\ell_1}$		x
$p_T^{\ell_2}$		x
$m_{\ell_0 \ell_1}^T$		x
m_{ee}		x
$ d_{0,\text{sig,min}} $		x
$ d_{0,\text{sig,mid}} $		x
F_α		x
BDT _{HFL} output for ℓ_{HFL}		x
$p_T^{\ell_{\text{HFL}}}$		x
$m_{\ell_{\text{HFL}} \ell_{\text{clo}}}$		x
N_{jet}		x
p_T^{lead}		x
$m_{\ell_1 \ell_2}$		x

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W/ZH: 2leptons + 2jets

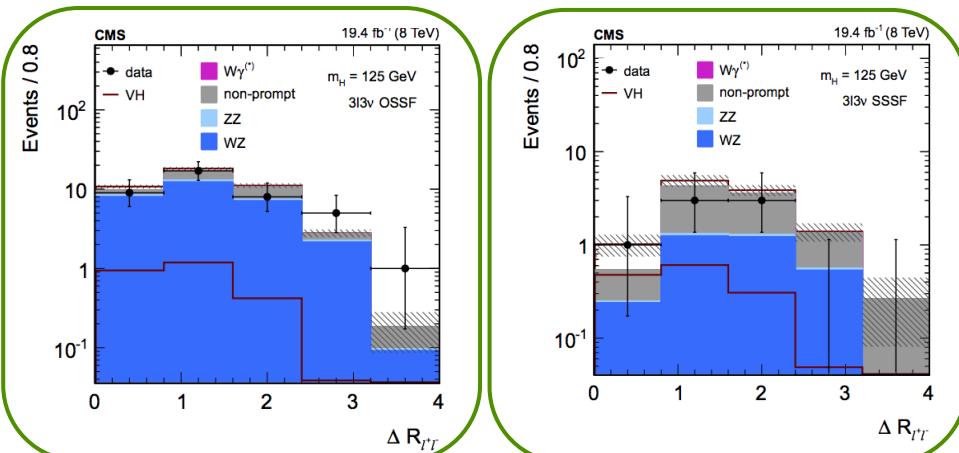
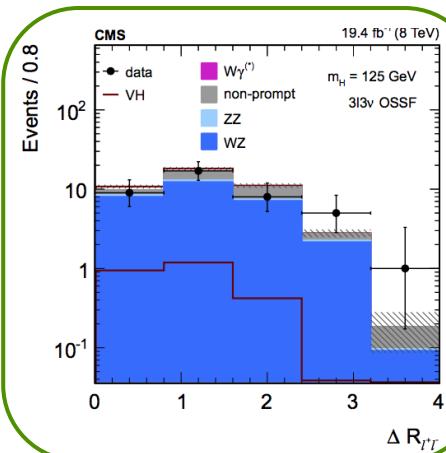
m_{jj} [65, 105] GeV, $|\Delta\eta_{jj}| < 1.5$,
 m_T [60, 125] GeV, $m_{ll} < 200$ GeV and $\Delta R < 2.5$
 \rightarrow Fit m_{ll} in 9 bins



Accumulation of data at low m_{ll} but limited statistics with Run 1

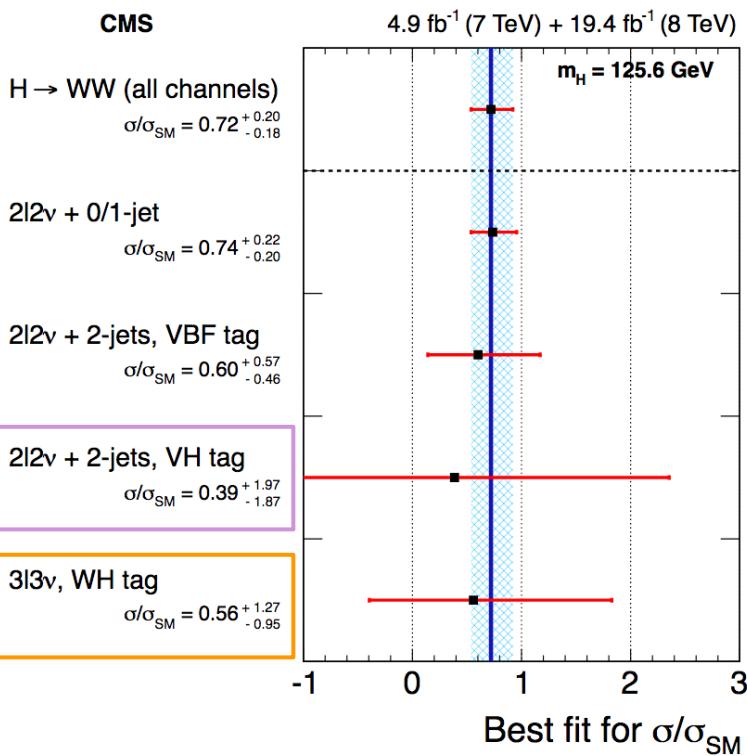
WH: 3leptons + 3v

Split in OSSF and SSSF events
 $\text{min-MET} > 40(30)$ GeV OS(SS), $|m_{ll} - m_{Zl}| > 25$ GeV,
 $m_{ll} < 100$ GeV, $\Delta R_{ll} < 2$
 \rightarrow Fit ΔR_{ll}



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m_H [GeV]	ggH	VBF+VH	Data	All bkg.	WW	WZ + ZZ + Z/ γ^* $\rightarrow l\bar{l}$	$t\bar{t} + tW$	W + jets
8 TeV e μ final state, 2-jets category, VH tag								
125 (shape)	2.86 ± 0.92	2.30 ± 0.18	136	129 ± 15	28.3 ± 6.2	8.2 ± 1.3	67 ± 13	23.9 ± 4.8
Selection stage								
	WH H $\rightarrow \tau\tau$	WH H \rightarrow WW	Data	All bkg.	WZ	Non-prompt		
8 TeV SSSF final state, WH $\rightarrow 3\ell 3\nu$ category								
3 lepton requirement	0.72 ± 0.08	1.64 ± 0.21	71	83.7 ± 3.0	7.88 ± 0.30	66.8 ± 2.9		
Min-MET > 30 GeV	0.41 ± 0.06	1.21 ± 0.18	43	60.2 ± 2.5	5.16 ± 0.24	48.4 ± 2.5		
Z removal	0.41 ± 0.06	1.21 ± 0.18	43	60.2 ± 2.5	5.16 ± 0.24	48.4 ± 2.5		
Top-quark veto	0.29 ± 0.05	1.02 ± 0.17	7	10.41 ± 0.97	2.84 ± 0.18	6.60 ± 0.95		
$\Delta R_{\ell^+\ell^-}$ & $m_{\ell\ell}$	0.23 ± 0.05	1.00 ± 0.20	6	6.9 ± 2.0	1.71 ± 0.16	4.6 ± 2.0		
8 TeV OSSF final state, WH $\rightarrow 3\ell 3\nu$ category								
3 lepton requirement	1.95 ± 0.12	6.08 ± 0.41	4340	4224 ± 21	2042.7 ± 4.8	1369.0 ± 13		
Min-MET > 40 GeV	0.91 ± 0.09	3.47 ± 0.30	1137	1140.9 ± 6.0	900.0 ± 3.2	149.9 ± 4.9		
Z removal	0.56 ± 0.07	2.69 ± 0.27	153	155.3 ± 3.4	59.1 ± 0.8	79.9 ± 3.3		
Top-quark veto	0.35 ± 0.05	2.14 ± 0.23	45	47.7 ± 1.3	34.9 ± 0.6	9.6 ± 1.2		
$\Delta R_{\ell^+\ell^-}$ & $m_{\ell\ell}$	0.30 ± 0.06	2.10 ± 0.34	33	33.2 ± 3.4	24.0 ± 1.4	7.2 ± 3.1		

H \rightarrow tau tau: Run 1 ATLAS

Channel	Selections
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu/e\nu, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Exactly one isolated electron and one isolated muon Exactly one τ_{had} passing medium BDT ID $p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) > 25 \text{ GeV}$ Same-charge e and μ , oppositely charged τ_{had} Events containing b -tagged jets with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ are vetoed $ p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) + p_T(\mu) + p_T(e) > 80 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta R(\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_{\text{lep}}) < 3.2$
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu/e\nu, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Exactly one isolated electron or one isolated muon Exactly two τ_{had} passing medium BDT ID of opposite charge $p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $ p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}^1) + p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}^2) > 100 \text{ GeV}$ $m_T(\ell, E_T^{\text{miss}}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $0.8 < \Delta R(\tau_{\text{had}}^1, \tau_{\text{had}}^2) < 2.8$ Events containing b -tagged jets with $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ are vetoed
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu/ee, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Exactly three electrons or muons, One opposite-charge and same-flavor lepton pair with invariant mass $80 < m_{\ell\ell} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ Exactly one τ_{had} passing medium BDT ID, with opposite charge to the lepton assigned to the Higgs boson $p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $ p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) + p_T(\tau_{\text{lep}}) > 60 \text{ GeV}$
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu/ee, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	Exactly two electrons or two muons of opposite charge Exactly two τ_{had} passing medium BDT ID of opposite charge $p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}) > 20 \text{ GeV}$ $60 < m_{\ell\ell} < 120 \text{ GeV}$ $ p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}^1) + p_T(\tau_{\text{had}}^2) > 88 \text{ GeV}$

Strategy: Split in tau decay modes

H \rightarrow tau_{had} + tau_{had}

H \rightarrow tau_{had} + tau_{lep}

while V always decaying leptonically: W \rightarrow lν / Z \rightarrow ll

Two subcategories in each channel

WH: 1 or 2 leptons (e,μ)

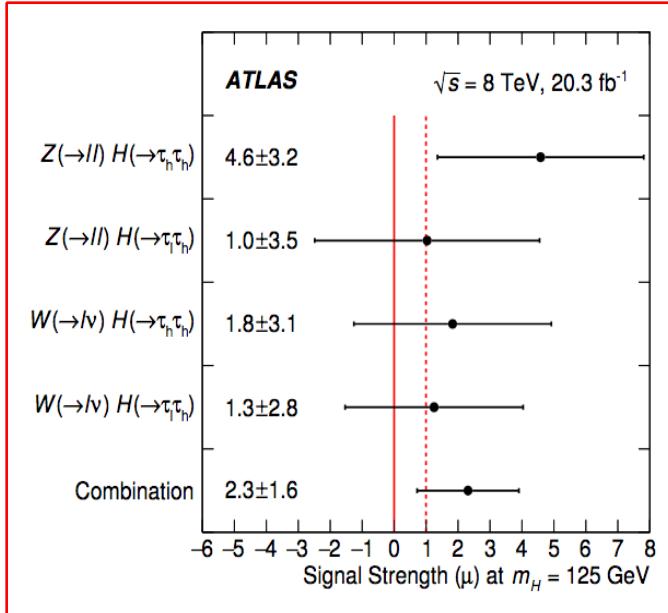
ZH: 2 or 3 leptons

Table 5: The yields for the observed and expected background and signal for a 125 GeV Higgs boson in the signal region for each individual channel. The "other" column consists primarily of background from $t\bar{t}$ events. The uncertainties quoted are statistical only.

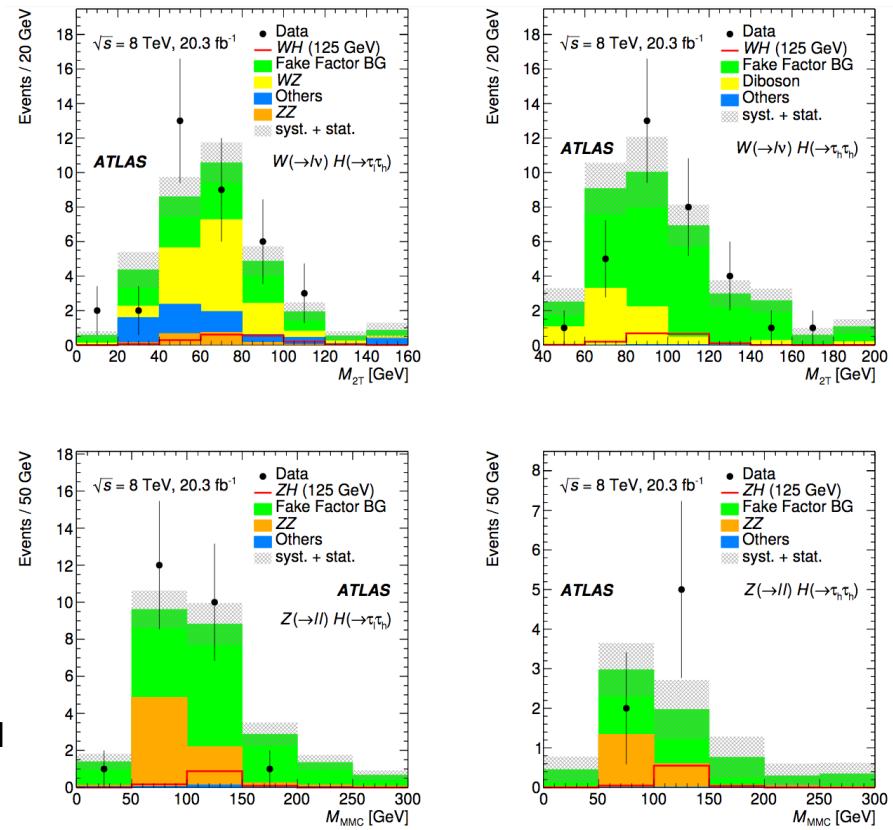
Channel	Obs.	Signal	Σ Background	Fake Factor	Diboson	Other
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu/e\nu, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	35	1.95 ± 0.05	32.4 ± 1.9	13.1 ± 1.3	13.54 ± 0.35	5.7 ± 1.4
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu/e\nu, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	33	1.84 ± 0.04	35.5 ± 2.7	28.1 ± 2.4	7.4 ± 1.2	-
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu/ee, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	24	1.14 ± 0.03	24.6 ± 1.5	17.1 ± 1.5	7.28 ± 0.16	0.20 ± 0.01
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu/ee, H \rightarrow \tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$	7	0.64 ± 0.02	6.8 ± 1.2	4.7 ± 1.2	2.09 ± 0.09	0.012 ± 0.003

Fit to the MMC (M2T) shape in ZH (WH)

H \rightarrow tau tau: Run 1 ATLAS



Bigger excesses in channels with H \rightarrow tau_{had} + tau_{had}
 $\mu \geq 1$ for all cases



Unfortunately, no ATLAS Run-2 analysis (yet) \rightarrow Only ggf+VBF in Run-2 <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.08856.pdf>

H \rightarrow tau tau: Run 1 CMS

- o WH: I + L tau_had

- o ZH: II + LL'

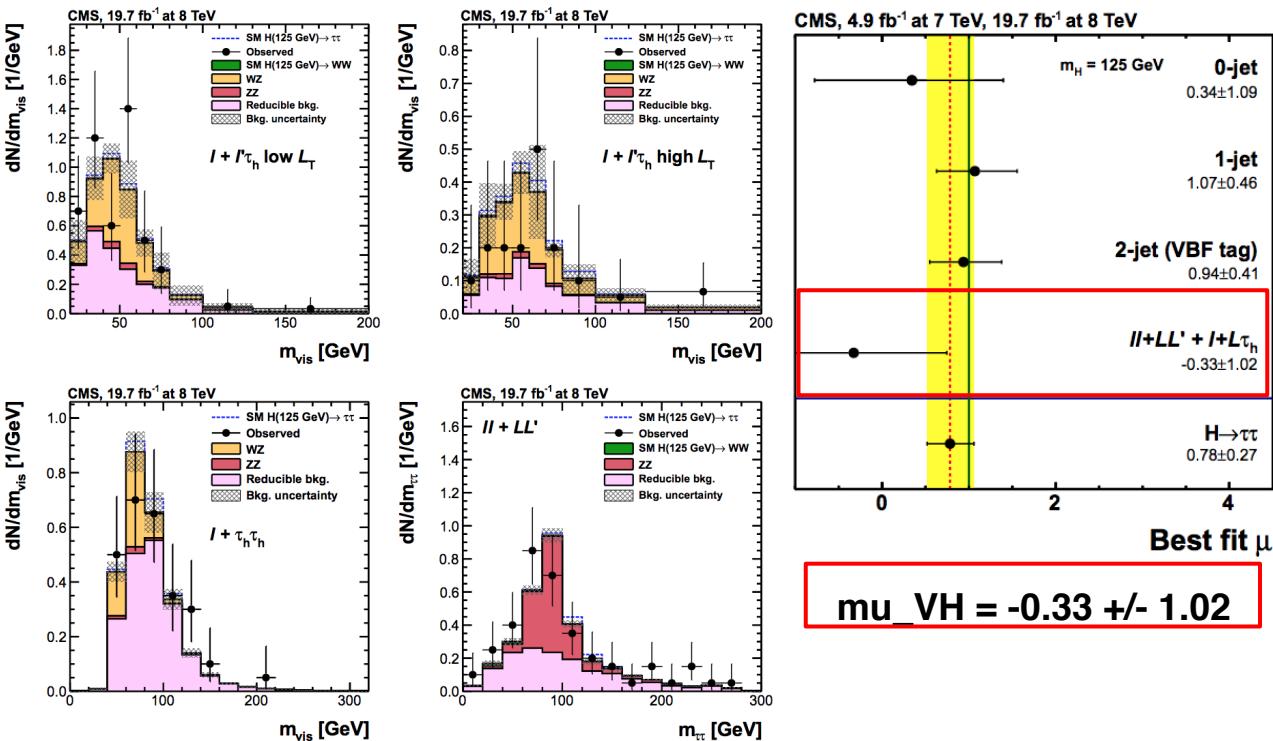
where I = e, mu and L = I or tau_had

\rightarrow I + I' tau_had channel

- II' are SS to reduce Z and tt
- Split in LT <(>) 130 GeV

\rightarrow II + LL'

- II are OSSF
- Split in LT(LL') = pT(L) + pT(L') > 25 - 70 GeV
depending on the lepton flavour

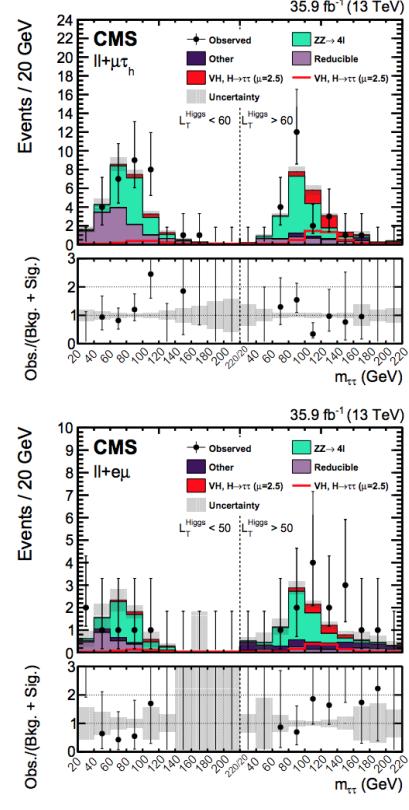
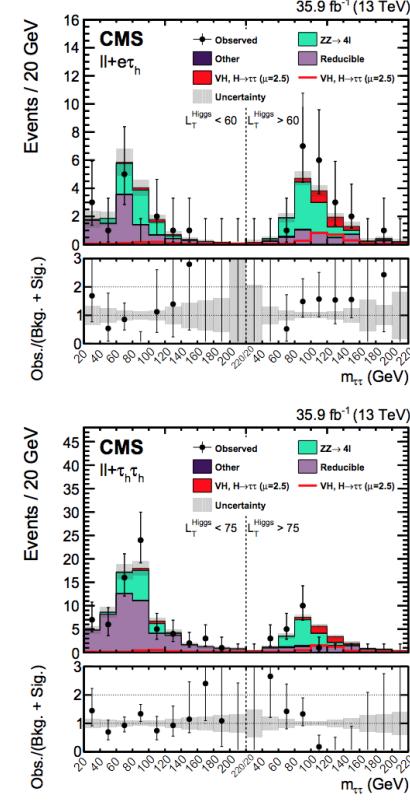
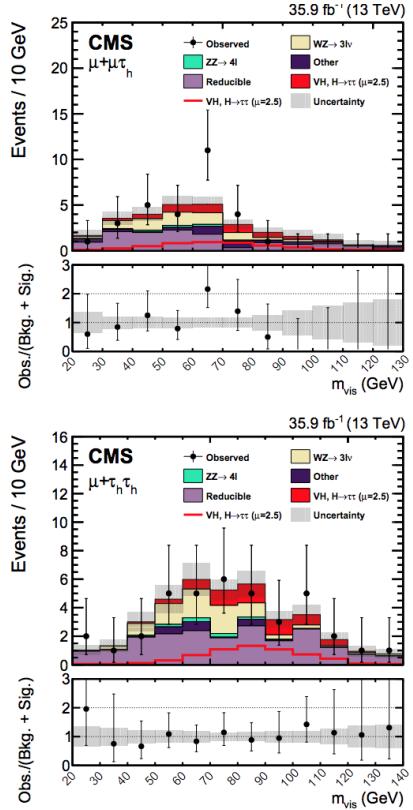
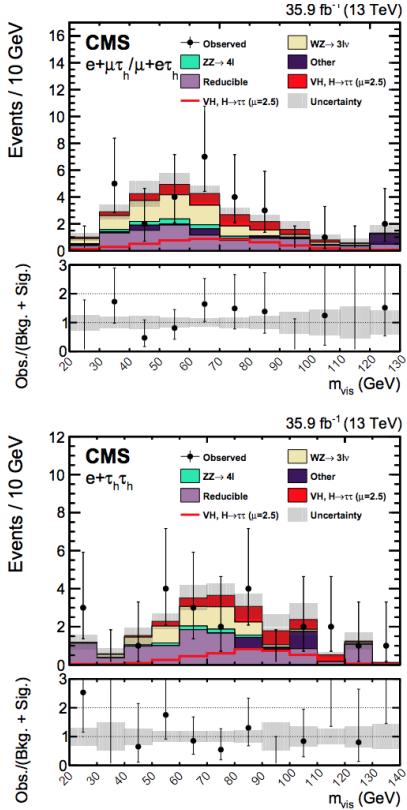


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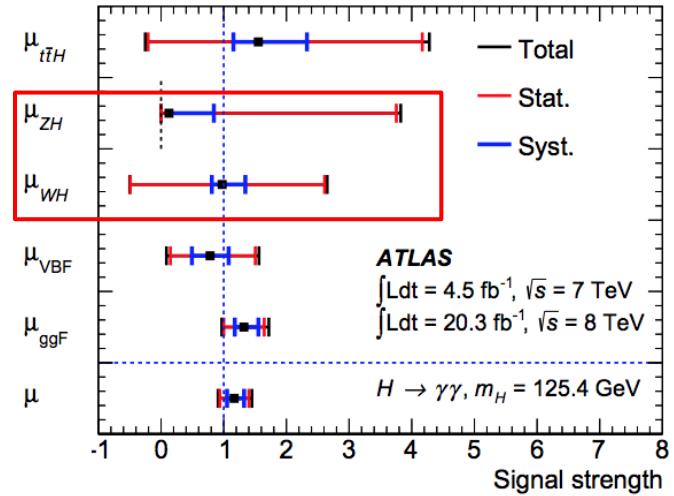
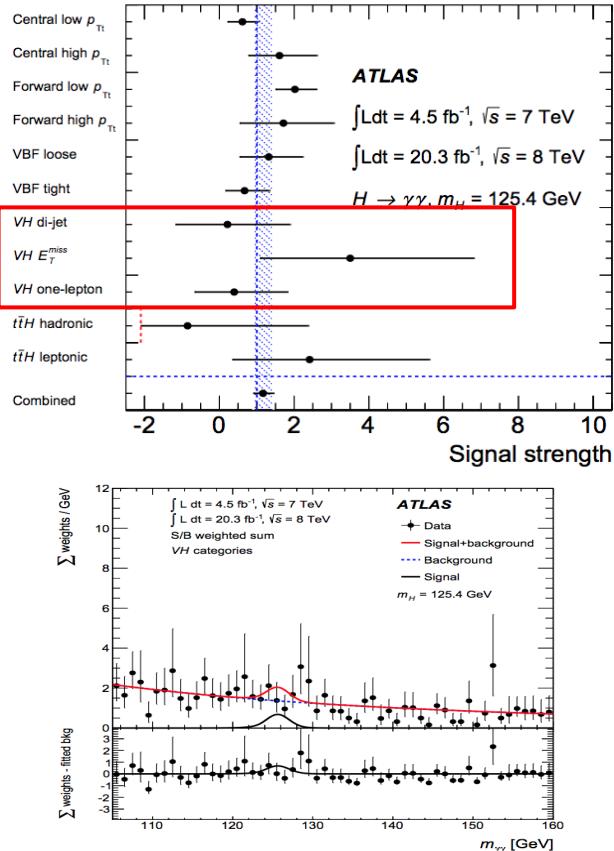
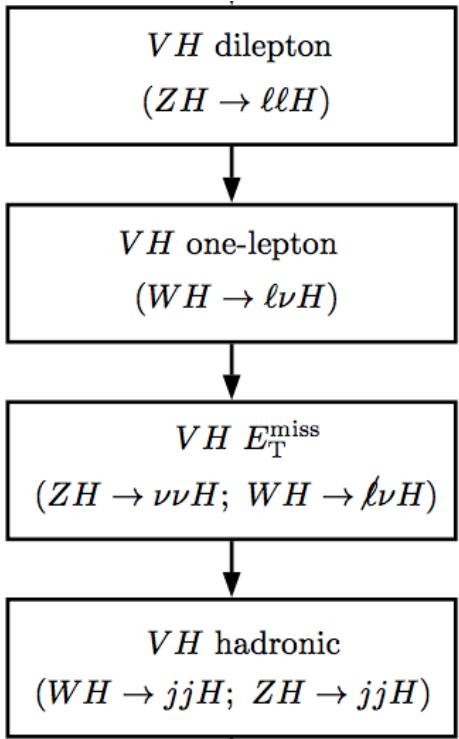
In the $\ell + \tau_h \tau_h$ channels, the background from QCD multijet, W + jets, and Z + jets production is suppressed using a BDT discriminant based on the E_T^{miss} and on kinematic variables related to the $\tau_h \tau_h$ system. With $\tau_{h,1}$ and $\tau_{h,2}$ denoting the τ_h with highest and second-highest p_T , respectively, these variables are $p_T^{\tau_{h,1}}, p_T^{\tau_{h,2}}, \Delta R(\tau_{h,1}, \tau_{h,2}),$ and $p_T^{\tau_{h,1}, \tau_{h,2}} / (p_T^{\tau_{h,1}} + p_T^{\tau_{h,2}})$. For the chosen threshold on the BDT score, the signal efficiency is $\sim 60\%$ whereas the efficiency for the reducible background components is $\sim 13\%$.

In the $\ell + \ell' \tau_h$ channels, the large background from Z and $t\bar{t}$ production is strongly reduced by requiring the ℓ and ℓ' leptons to have the same charge. For the 7 TeV dataset, the requirement $L_T \equiv p_T^\ell + p_T^{\ell'} + p_T^{\tau_h} > 80 \text{ GeV}$ is imposed to further suppress the reducible background components. For the 8 TeV dataset, the L_T variable is instead used to divide the data into two event categories, one with high L_T ($\geq 130 \text{ GeV}$) and one with low L_T ($< 130 \text{ GeV}$). The Z + jets

H \rightarrow tau tau: Run 2 CMS

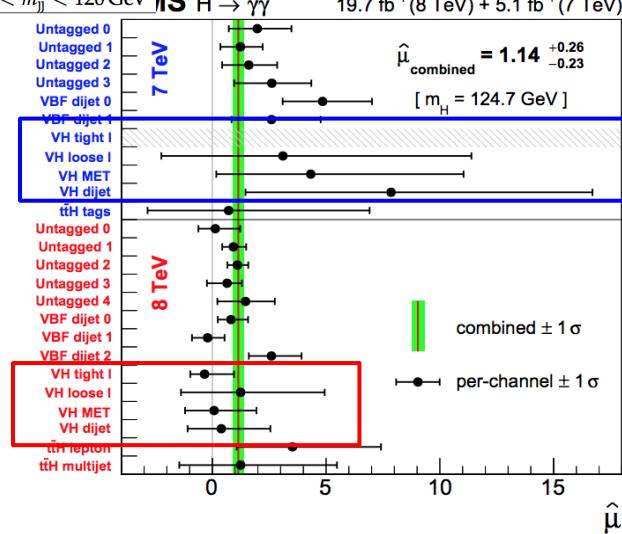
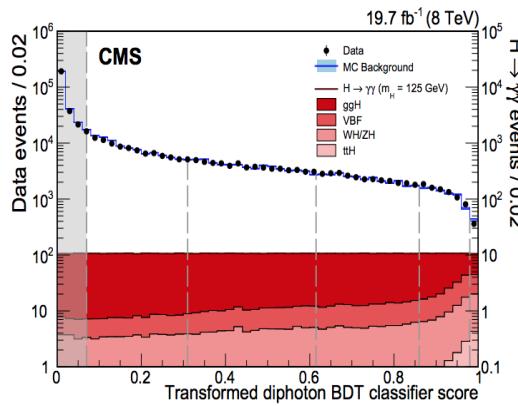


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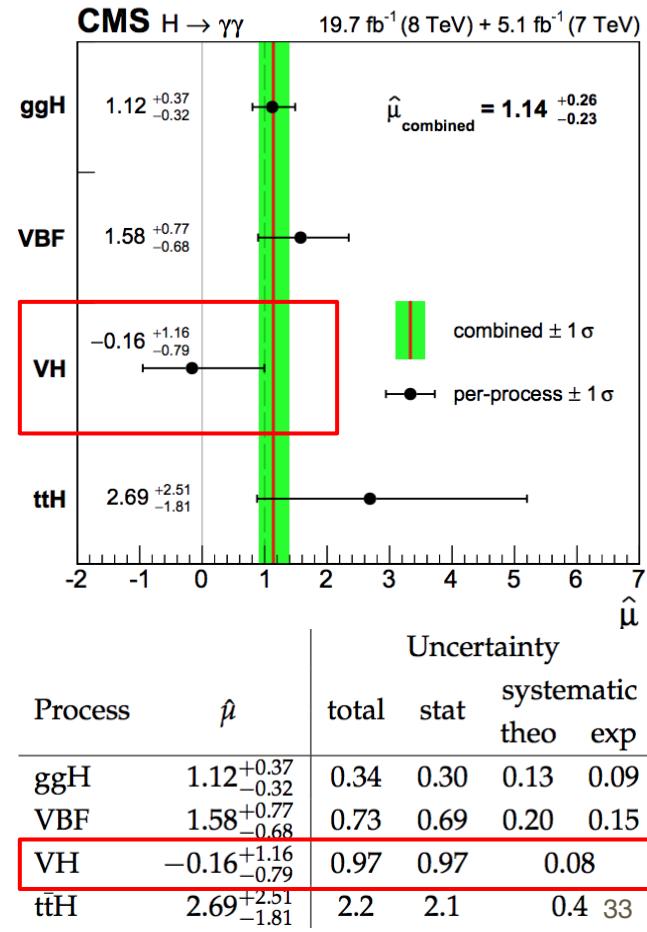
H \rightarrow yy: Run 1 CMS

Label	No. of classes		Main requirements
	7 TeV	8 TeV	
VH tight ℓ tag	1	1	$p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$ [e or μ , $p_T > 20$ GeV, and $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 45$ GeV] or [2e or 2 μ , $p_T^\ell > 10$ GeV; $70 < m_{\ell\ell} < 110$ GeV]
VH loose ℓ tag	1	1	$p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$ e or μ , $p_T > 20$ GeV
VH E_T^{miss} tag	1	1	$p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$ $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 70$ GeV
VH dijet tag	1	1	$p_T^{\gamma\gamma} > m_{\gamma\gamma}/2$ jet pair, $p_T^j > 40$ GeV and $60 < m_{jj} < 120$ GeV



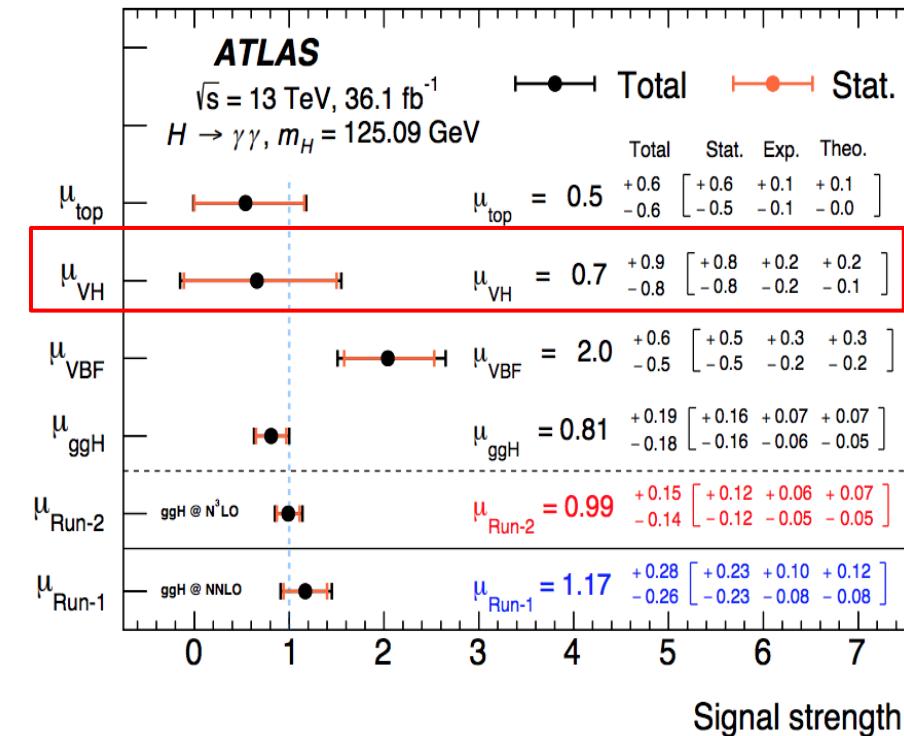
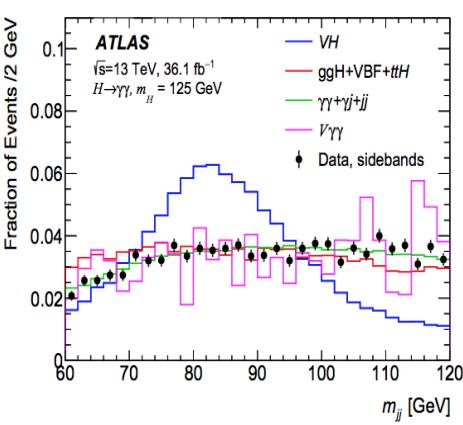
Four VH classes

Make use of diphoton BDT classifier for entry into the different classes



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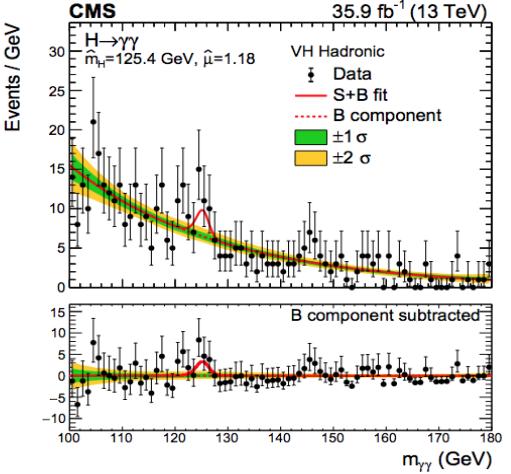
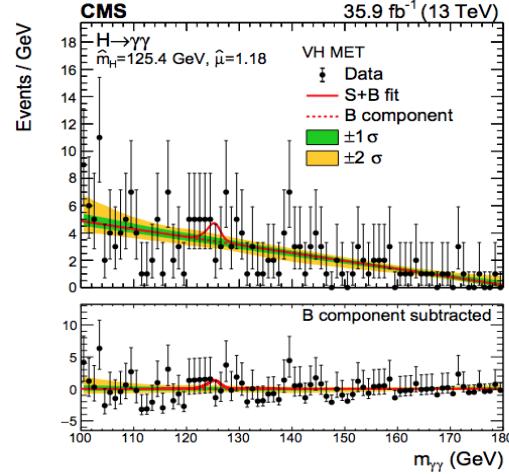
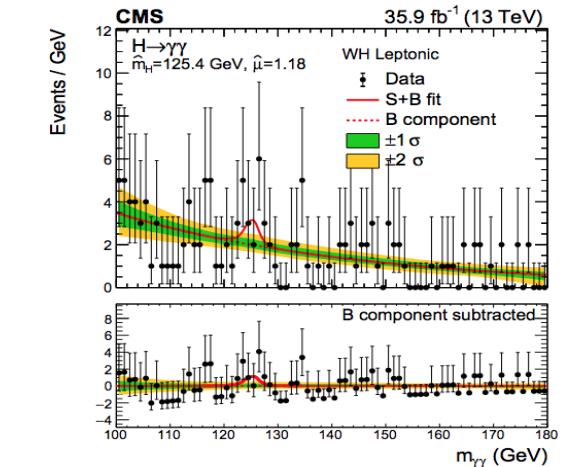
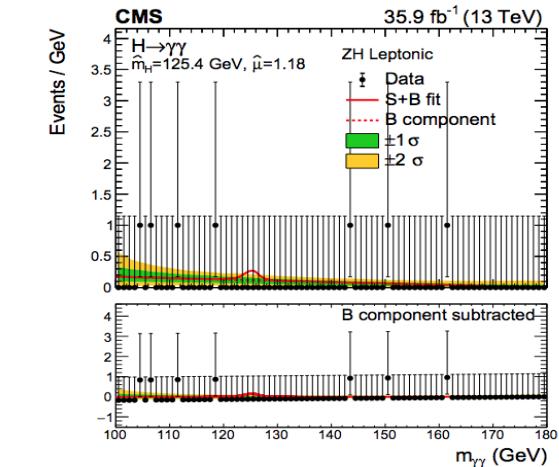
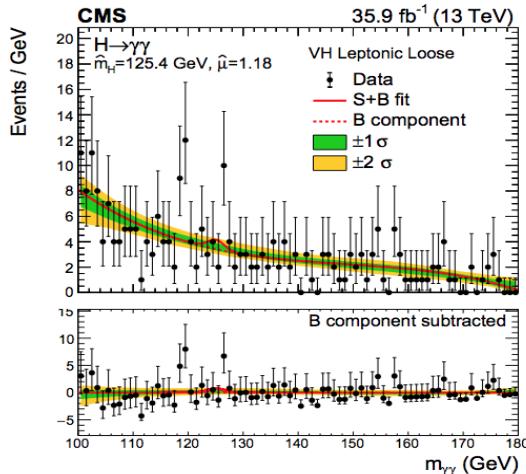
Category	Selection
VH dilep	$N_{\text{lep}} \geq 2$, $70 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\ell\ell} \leq 110 \text{ GeV}$
VH lep High	$N_{\text{lep}} = 1$, $ m_{e\gamma} - 89 \text{ GeV} > 5 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\ell+E_T^{\text{miss}}} > 150 \text{ GeV}$
VH lep Low	$N_{\text{lep}} = 1$, $ m_{e\gamma} - 89 \text{ GeV} > 5 \text{ GeV}$, $p_T^{\ell+E_T^{\text{miss}}} < 150 \text{ GeV}$, E_T^{miss} significance > 1
VH MET High	$150 \text{ GeV} < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 250 \text{ GeV}$, E_T^{miss} significance > 9 or $E_T^{\text{miss}} > 250 \text{ GeV}$
VH MET Low	$80 \text{ GeV} < E_T^{\text{miss}} < 150 \text{ GeV}$, E_T^{miss} significance > 8
VH had tight	$60 \text{ GeV} < m_{jj} < 120 \text{ GeV}$, $\text{BDT}_{\text{VH}} > 0.78$
VH had loose	$60 \text{ GeV} < m_{jj} < 120 \text{ GeV}$, $0.35 < \text{BDT}_{\text{VH}} < 0.78$



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5 categories exploiting the presence of leptons, MET and jets

“Each event is classified exclusively by applying the category selections in order and choosing the highest-priority category satisfied by the event.”



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- leptonic Z decays (ZH Leptonic):

- leading photon $p_T > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$, subleading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$;
- diphoton classifier BDT score greater than 0.11;
- two same-flavour leptons within the fiducial region, $p_T > 20\text{ GeV}$; electrons and muons are required to satisfy the same identification criteria as for the ttH Leptonic category;
- dilepton invariant mass $m_{\ell\ell}$ in the range $70 < m_{\ell\ell} < 110\text{ GeV}$;
- $R(\gamma, e) > 1.0$, $R(\gamma, \mu) > 0.5$, for each of the leptons;
- in addition, a conversion veto is applied to the electrons to reduce the number of electrons originating from photon conversions, by requiring that, when an electron and a photon candidate share a supercluster, the electron track is well separated from the centre of the supercluster:
 $R(\text{supercluster, e-track}) > 0.4$.

- leptonic W decays (WH Leptonic):

- leading photon $p_T > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$, subleading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$;
- diphoton classifier BDT score greater than 0.28;
- at least one lepton with $p_T > 20\text{ GeV}$; electrons and muons are required to satisfy the same identification criteria as for the ZH Leptonic category;
- $R(\gamma, \ell) > 1.0$ and conversion veto as in the ZH Leptonic category;
- missing transverse momentum $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 45\text{ GeV}$;
- up to two jets each satisfying $p_T > 20\text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$, $R(\text{jet}, \ell) > 0.4$, and

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$$R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.4;$$

- W or Z leptonic decays, relaxed selection (VH LeptonicLoose):

- as for WH Leptonic with the requirement on the missing transverse momentum to be $p_T^{\text{miss}} < 45\text{ GeV}$;

- W or Z leptonic decays, with at least one missing lepton (VH MET):

- leading photon $p_T > 3m_{\gamma\gamma}/8$, subleading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$;
- diphoton classifier BDT score greater than 0.79;
- missing transverse momentum $p_T^{\text{miss}} > 85\text{ GeV}$;
- angle in the transverse plane between the direction of the diphoton and the \vec{p}_T^{miss} $\Delta\phi(\gamma\gamma, \vec{p}_T^{\text{miss}}) > 2.4$;

- hadronic decays of W and Z (VH Hadronic):

- leading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/2$, subleading photon $p_T > m_{\gamma\gamma}/4$;
- diphoton classifier BDT score greater than 0.79;
- at least two jets, each with $p_T > 40\text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 2.4$, $R(\text{jet}, \gamma) > 0.4$;
- dijet invariant mass in the range $60 < m_{jj} < 120\text{ GeV}$;
- $|\cos\theta^*| < 0.5$, where θ^* is the angle that the diphoton system makes, in the diphoton-dijet centre-of-mass frame, with respect to the direction of motion of the diphoton-dijet system in the lab frame. The distribution of this variable is rather uniform for VH events, while it is strongly peaked at 1 for background and events from ggH production.